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In re Application of:

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for filing the Response to Final Office Action dated March 4, 2004 be extended one month from June 4, 2004 to July 4, 2004, by the filing of this Petition and fee payment. Because July 4, 2004 is a Sunday and July 5, 2004 is a holiday, the one-month extension effectively covers the next business day July 6, 2004.

The petition fee is believed to be \$55.00 for a one-month extension for a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), and such fee payment is included herewith. If additional extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. **08-3038**, referencing Docket No. **11533.0024.NPUS00**.

Respectfully submitted,

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